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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	51	MINUS	* 53	0
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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

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X	\$ 25	\$
X	\$100	\$
+	\$180	\$

TOTAL= \$ 0

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X	\$50	\$
X	\$200	\$
+	\$360	\$

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